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SUBJ: IAEA 20TH GENERAL CONFERENCE: SOUTH AFRICA QUESTION

SUMMARY: IN WHAT CLEARLY WAS ONLY FIRST ROUND IN CHALLENGE TO  
SOUTH AFRICA'S PRESENT STATUS IN AGENCY, DEBATE OF GENERAL  
COMMITTEE, CENTERING ON CREDENTIALS OF SAG DELEGATION, ENDED IN  
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INCONCLUSIVE DRAW EVENING OF 9/23. ISSUE CERTAIN TO BE AGAIN

TAKEN UP 9/27 WHEN PLENARY FORMALLY CONSIDERS REPORT OF GENERAL COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS OF DELEGATES. END SUMMARY.

1. GENERAL COMMITTEE MET EVENING 9/23 FOR PURPOSE OF EXAMINING DELEGATES' CREDENTIALS PURSUANT RULE 28 OF GC RULES OF PROCEDURE. AFTER COMMITTING FAUX PAS BY REQUESTING, AND RECEIVING, NAMES OF DELEGATIONS WHOSE CREDENTIALS WERE NOT YET IN ORDER (WHICH DID NOT RPT NOT INCLUDE SOUTH AFRICA), NIGERIAN DELEGATE (ABENDIJJ) URGED THAT COMMITTEE NOT BIND ITSELF TO NARROW INTERPRETATION OF ITS DUTIES AS CONTAINED RULE 28 BUT TO USE ITS RESPONSIBILITIES TO OSTRACIZE A MEMBER "OUT OF TUNE" WITH AGENCY MEMBERSHIP AND WITH ARTICLE IV B OF STATUTE. (FYI: THIS OBLIGES GC, IN CONSIDERING APPROVAL OF NEW RPT NEW STATES FOR MEMBERSHIP TO GIVE DUE CONSIDERATION TO THEIR WILLINGNESS "TO ACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH PURPOSES OF PRINCIPLES OF THE UN." END FYI.) REPS OF SIX OTHER MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE SUPPORTED NIGERIAN DELEGATE, INCLUDING ZAIRE, INDIA, KUWAIT, USSR, ROMANIA AND GDR, LAST THREE OF WHOM ALSO REGISTERED USUAL ANNUAL OBJECTION TO CREDENTIALS OF ROK AND CHILE.

2. REPS OF US, JAPAN, FRG, UK, CANADA, FRANCE, AND ARGENTINE CHAIRMAN OF BOARD (ATTENDING COMMITTEE MEETING BUT WITHOUT VOTE) ARGUED THAT TASK OF COMMITTEE, CLEARLY STATED IN RULE 28, WAS TO ADDRESS QUESTION OF PROPRIETY OF CREDENTIALS, NOT RPT NOT INTERNAL POLICIES OF MEMBER STATES, HOWEVER REPUGNANT THEY MIGHT BE. WITH STATEMENT BY MEXICAN REP (APPARENTLY EXTRACTED BY LA CAUCUS IN RETURN FOR ITS SUPPORT OF MEXICAN CANDIDACY FOR POSITION ON COMMITTEE) TO EFFECT THAT HE COULD NOT EXPRESS OPINION SINCE HE REPRESENTED LA GROUP AS A WHOLE, COMMITTEE OPINION WAS DIVIDED 7-7- WITH ONE ABSTENTION AND ONE MEMBER (THAILAND) NOT ATTENDING MEETING.

3. AS CHAIRMAN MOVED TENTATIVELY TOWARD A SUMMATION, USREP (TAPE) INTERVENED TO POINT OUT THAT US AND OTHER GOVERNMENTS WELL AWARE OF SIGNIFICANCE OF POLITICAL ISSUES DIVIDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS. SECRETARY KISSINGER WAS IN AFRICA AT THAT MOMENT, COMPLETELY PREOCCUPIED WITH ATTEMPT TO ACHIEVE SOLUTION, WHICH ALL HOPED FOR TO PROBLEMS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. SOLUTION TO THESE PROBLEMS SHOULD BE BEST LEFT TO EFFORTS IN THAT SORT OF CONTEXT RATHER THAN IN MEASURES SUCH AS PROPOSED BY NIGERIAN DELEGATE.  
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4. DEADLOCK WAS EVIDENT, HOWEVER, WHEN IT BECAME CLEAR THAT OPPOSING SIDES WERE UNABLE AGREE ON CONSENSUS REPORT WHICH CHAIR WOULD BE AUTHORIZED DELIVER TO PLENARY. ACTING ON ADVICE OF SECRETARIAT, CHAIRMAN REQUESTED AND RECEIVED APPROVAL FOR REPORT WHICH WOULD SIMPLY LIST THOSE MEMBERS WHO HAD STATED OBJECTIONS TO CREDENTIALS, AND THE IDENTITY OF THE STATES SUBMITTING THEM, ALONG WITH LIST OF THOSE MEMBERS WHO HAD REGISTERED NO RPT NO SUCH

RESERVATIONS.

5. COMMENT: CONFUSED AND UNTIDY CONCLUSION TO THIS NORMALLY ROUTINE GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING IS WITHOUT RECENT PRECEDENT IN PROCEEDINGS THIS COMMITTEE, THOUGH IN KEEPING WITH POLITICALLY CHARGED ATMOSPHERE THUS FAR IN THIS SESSION OF THE GC. CREDENTIALS ISSUE NOW VIRTUALLY CERTAIN TO BE CARRIED TO FLOOR OF GC PLENARY WHEN COMMITTEE "REPORT" IS ANNOUNCED. END COMMENT.

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